

HOUSE No. 1838

By Messrs. Gregory and DeRoy of Chicopee (by request), petition of Edward Bourbeau (mayor) and others that the city of Chicopee be authorized to reduce the membership of its board of aldermen and to change the method of electing such aldermen. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHICOPEE TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF ITS BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING SUCH ALDERMEN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of
2 Chicopee shall consist of nine members, of whom one
3 shall be elected from each ward by the qualified voters
4 of the entire city. In case any alderman shall remove
5 to another ward in the city subsequent to his election,
6 such removal shall not disqualify him from performing
7 the duties of his office during the term for which he
8 was elected.

1 SECTION 2. So much of chapter two hundred and
2 thirty-nine of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-
3 seven, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition
4 thereto, as is inconsistent with any provision of this
5 act, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted for ac-
2 ceptance to the registered voters of the city of Chicopee
3 at the biennial state election in the current year in
4 the form of the following question, which shall be
5 placed upon the official ballot to be used in said
6 city at said election:— “Shall an act of the general
7 court passed in the current year providing that the
8 board of aldermen of this city shall consist of nine
9 members, of whom one shall be elected from each
10 ward by the qualified voters of the entire city, be
11 accepted?”. If a majority of the votes in answer to
12 said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall
13 thereupon take effect for the purposes of the biennial
14 municipal election in said city in the year nineteen
15 hundred and forty-nine, and shall take full effect
16 upon the first Monday of January, nineteen hundred
17 and fifty, but not otherwise.